

Welcome to Just Among Friends #3. Hopefully things have continued to improve: I made an important discovery when I cleaned the typewriter keys. The machine types so much better.

Well, what's in this issue? I don't really know. Oh, this isn't some type of cop-out. I'm typing this page on Nov. 12. Why so early? I have some minor surgery scheduled for next Friday morning which should put me on my stomach for about five weeks. Wrong. I have a cyst at the base of my spine that will be removed, not the other problem. So, I'm trying to get as much of this issue prepared ahead of time as I can, and my dear sweet wife is going to type up the other masters, run off the copies, staple the sine after putting it together, label everything and mail it. She never knew what she was letting herself in for when she agreed to my starting the zine. So, to all you out there, bear with me another month, and I'll try to get back to normal.

### Of Drivel and Dementia

I'm sure you readers really loved last month's presentation of this name; I received many compliments about my handling of the issue of game feuds. In keeping with my new policy, I will select some serious topic each month to totally ignore except for the mention that I will ignore it. This month the lucky topic will be scoring systems for diplomacy tournaments. I'm sure many of you will appreciate this delicate handling of this important issue. Enough said.

And now for the "Attack of the Month." This month, after the election of Ron Reagan, I have decided to denounce the pervading influence of foreigners in the United States. (Since I currently don't have any Canadian or other alien subscribers, I don't feel this is a parochial attitude.)

Foriegners have taken over a major portion of the daily activities and attention of the good, solid Americans. How many of you either heard of problems with Japanese beetles or had these horrible little insects invading your garden or houseplants? Just because we wouldn't sell the Imperial Japanese Military machine our scrap steel in 1939, the Japanese leadership plotted this nefarious scheme to launch these vicious little beetles to undermine American agriculture. Sure, you thought World War II in the Pacific was the real action by the Japanese to pay us back for the slight about the steel; well, you are wrong. Members of the National Security Council have decided that Pearl Harbor and those few years thereafter was just a feint. The real attack is centered around the metallic colored bug. The capitulation on the USS Missouri after the two atomic bomb drops was a fiendish plot to lull the United States into a false sense of security. This was from our enemies, but what did we get from our friends?

Look at England! The United States goes to the trouble to bail out the Limeys in both World War I and World War II. This doesn't count our boosts to their sorry financial situation as typified by both the Marshall Plan and our purchase of several Billion dollars worth of Beagle records. And what do we get in return? A thank you? A few supportive votes in the UN? No! They send over the English sparrow. This drab little bird (how characteristic of the English--Drab) shows up in your yard and bird feeder first singly. Then a few more follow; then more and more. All the traditional American birds are driven from the birdfeeder by this pathetic alien enemy. The American birds don't stand a chance against fifty or a hundred of these socialist leaning, disgusting English Sparrows. How long has it been since you saw a truly American bird such as a vulture at your birdfeeder? It is foreign intrusions into American life such as the two examples that have caused our country to react and vote in the champion of the American way of life, Ron Reagan.

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\* Game Openings -- Well, there are a few openings.

JAF #4: P. O'Conry, Babar, Stull, Chisley, Ongelt 2 openings

\* The Standby List- My thanks to the individuals on the list. By the way, through a mistake Don Swartz was called as a standby twice last issue; since he didn't complain, he gets a 6 issue free extension for being understanding. Current members are: Wilson, Schuber, Mercer, Dunn, Johnson, Caruso and Roggers.

\* If you need to call the publisher, the number is (304) 725-5537. Don't even think about calling collect.

\* I am happy to print articles submitted to me by you writers out there. Each article printed in JAF gets the author free issues, and remember...JAF is the only Dip zine worth its weight in Tasmanian crab grass.

\* Sample issues--A large number of samples will not be mailed of this issue, but maybe I will feel generous next issue. Why not now? As I write this, I'm in a hospital bed, and although my wife is understanding, she's not that understanding. If anyone wants a sample, send me a stamp.

\* Back Issues--I now have doubled the number of back issues; there are now two. New policy, back issues only cost postage- 15%.

\* Money--A few have still failed to pay for their games. Since I'm in the hospital and don't have all my records, I won't print the list of deadbeats this month. If you're not sure if you paid, check your records and save some embarrassment. (The hospital stuff makes for a great sympathy ploy, doesn't it?)

\* New games--I seriously doubt that there will be any new game starts in JAF after JAF#4 until one of the orphan windows down...well, ok I probably will try one or two more, but I won't open these until March, I guess. I know this won't break too many of your hearts, but I thought you might want to be warned.

\* Paid Advertisements-- I have started accepting "Paid Advertisements" as a public service to the hobby (see below). If you have an ad you think need to be here, send it in; they will be printed as space permits. The same goes for letters to Dr. Cagey.

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(A Paid Advertisement)

Dear Inexperienced Publisher,

We, the "Good Experienced Publishers," do not count how many times you mention our names before we give you a plug. In fact, if you want this pubber to plug you, just ask. You don't have to "Brown Nose" me, nor twist my arm. As for Mark Berch's remarks, hold little value in them, unless you want him to plug you like the way "Life of Monty" by Don Del Grande received a plug; you too can receive a plug just like it from Diplomacy Digest by Mark Berch.

An Experienced Publisher

Game Start1980KI

Austria- Glen Overby, 23096 Tawan, Hazel Park, MI 48030  
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The Spring 1901 orders are due December 26, 1980. Once again the last Thursday of the month is a postal holiday, so the players get the extra day. A copy of the JAF house rules with player codes should be included for those not already playing in another of my games.

A CORRECTION

In 1980HW and 1980HZ I indicated that Spring 1902 as well as Winter 1901 orders were due this issue. But JAF house rules say that Winter 1901 and Spring 1902 seasons will be separated; so readers will find only Winter orders for these games. The 1902 Spring orders are on file and can be updated by the players. Please bear with the struggling new publisher.

The Games1980HW Winter 1901

Austria(Mercer)- Build A Tri, A Bud; Had A Vie, A Ser, F Gre.  
 England(Dunn)- Build F Lon; Had F Nth, F Wal, A Nwy.  
 France(Wilson)- Build F Bro; Had F Eng, A Gas, A Spa.  
 Germany(Thompson)- Build F Kie, A Ber, A Mun; Had F Den, A Hol, A Bel.  
 Italy(Swider)- Build F Nap; Had F Tyrr, A Tun, A Pie.  
 Russia(Coppedge)- even; Had A Gal, A Ukr, F Bot, F Sev.  
 Turkey(Williams)- Build A Ank, F Con; Had A Rum, A Bul, F Bla.

Spring 1902 orders are on file for all countries. New orders and additional Press will be accepted until the Dec. 26th deadline

1980HZ Winter 1901

Austria(Johnsen)- Build A Bud; Had A Tri, A Ser, F Gre.  
 England(Beggoss)- Remove F Nug; Has A Edi, F Eth.  
 France(Schwartz)- Build F Bro, A Par, F Mar; Had F Lon, A Bel, A Spa.  
 Germany(Braun)- Build F Kie, A Ber; Had F Swe, A Hol, A Mun.  
 Italy(Dumas)- Build F Nap; Had F Tun, A Von, A Apu.  
 Russia(Greenwood)- Build A War; Had A Vie, A Gal, F Rum, F Bal.  
 Turkey(Swartz)- Build F Smy, A Con; Had A Bul, F Bla, A Sev.

Game Beggoss has now given stability to England. Orders and press are on file for Spring 1902. Any changes or additions may be made until the Dec. 26th deadline

1978KE Summer 1905

England- F Spa(se) r W Med; France- A Mar r Bur.

Fall 1905

Austria(Swartz)- A Bud-Vie, F Adr-Ion, A Bul-Gre, A Ser S A Bul-Gre  
 England(Haffey)- F Nth-Lon, F Eng-Bre, F Por S F WMed- Spa(se), F WMed-Spa(se)  
 France(Mercer)- A Bur-Bel, F Spa(se)-H, A Mar S F Spa(se), F MAO-Bre, F Lon-Eng, F Cly-Edi  
 Germany(Sutton?)-NMR. F Den, F Hol, A Kie, A Sil, A Mun all Hold.  
 Italy(Schubert)- A Ven-Tri, A Tyro S A Ven-Tri, A Pie-Ven, F Ion-Adr, F Smy S Turk A Con,  
 A Gre-Ser /d/ r Alb, oth.  
 Russia(Boggess)- A Nwy-Swe, F Bla S A Nwy-Swe, A Lve-War, A Rum -H, F Bla S A Arm-Ank,  
 A Arm-Ank.  
 Turkey(CD)- A Con-H, A Ank -H /d/ r oth.

Supply Center Chart- 1905

Austria- Bud, <del>Edi</del> , Vie, Bul, Ser, Gre (5)	Build 1 (was one short)
England- <del>Edi</del> , <del>Por</del> , <del>Spa</del> (1)	Remove 3
France- Bre, Mar, Par, Lon, Lvp, <del>Edi</del> , <del>Bel</del> , Spa (8)	Build 2
Germany- Ber, Kie, Hol, Den, <del>War</del> , Mun (5)	even
Italy- Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, <del>Spa</del> , Smy, Tri (6)	even + or build 1 if A Gre r oth
Russia- Mos, Sev, St.P, Swe, Nwy, Rum, <del>War</del> , Ank (8)	Build 2
Turkey- Con, <del>Ank</del> (1)	even

Will Brad Wilson, 302 Friendship Drive, Paoli, Pa. 19301 standby for Germany.  
 Winter builds (and retreats) as well as Spring 1906 orders are due Dec. 26th.

PRESS:

ROME to PARIS: I'm sorry I have not answered your letter, so I'm doing it here. I will agree to a non-aggression pact, and I have withdrawn the Italian 1st Army from your borders.

ROME to LONDON: The Pope does not take a liking to threats.

ROME to AUSTRIA: Greetings to the new Austro-Hungarian government. Would you like to make peace?

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1930IN Spring 1906

Austria(Tyer)- F Pri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Tri  
 England(Niechman)- F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lvp-Yar  
 France(Hobbs)- F Bre-Pie, A Par-Bur, A Mar S A Par-Bur  
 Germany(Feber)- A Mun-Bur, F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie (note CCA)  
 Italy(Ganson)- F Nap-Tyrr, A Rom-H, A Ven-H  
 Russia(Clayton)- F Sov-Bla, A Mos-Ukr, A War-Sil, F StP(se)-Bot  
 Turkey(Chilcott)- A Con-Bul, F Ank-Bla, A Smy-Con.

Fall 1906 orders and press are due Dec. 26.

PRESS:

VENICE- Prince Carlo Di Granfi promised to upgrade "the somewhat backed up sewer system."  
 MOSCOW- Rumors have it that the desk of the Czar is littered with fragments of RAA maps of Europe representing "my slice of the pie" as proposed to him by the various heads of state of the continent. The royal House is said to be weighting the alternatives on a comparative territory balance. Late at night the sound of vicious fighting has been heard from the offices of the Czar.

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circulating in the city.

The captain of the imperial guard vigorously denied any warlike intentions on Russia's part as he patiently split hairs lengthwise with his newly sharpened bayonet.

"Preposterous," he exclaimed.

MOSCOW to BERLIN: I Keep telling them Galesia, Galesia...but you know how hard it is to get good help these days.

1979S Spring 1905

Austria(Palter)- A Tri S French A Tus-Ven, A Bud S German A Tyro-Vie (nso), A Alb S A BUD

England(CD)- F Edi-H

France(Haffey)- F Lvp-Iri, F Bro-MAO, F Mar-Lyo, A Spa-H, A Bel-H, A Pie S A Tus-Ven  
A Tus-Ven

Germany(Bogges)- F Der-Ska, A Kie-Den, A Hol-H, F Lon-Nth, A Mun-Sil, A Tyro-fun

Italy(Swartz)- A Ven-H, A Rem S A Ven, F WMed-Lyo, F Tyrr S F WMed-Lyo

Russia(Hart)- F Nth-Yor, F Nwy-Nwg, A Swe-Nwy, A St.P-Mes, A Boh-Gal, A Vie-Tri, F Sev-Rum

Turkey(Dunn)- F Gre-Alb, F Aeg-Ion, F Smy-EMed, A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul, A Rum-Bud

Deadline for Fall 1905 orders is Dec. 26th.

PRESS:

ROME to the WORLD- His Holiness the Pope wishes to extend Peace and Good Will to all the countries of Europe, except those French Perverts in Tuscany and Piedmont.

Even now we are receiving word that the Spawn's of Satan are killing the women and raping the men. Remember all you defilers of decency what befell the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah. (The Pope will immediately elevate to Sainthood any leader wishing to assist God's Armies.)

CONSTANTINOPLE- The Sultan Sinbad Mohammed-Ali, Lotse-Lovelice was astounded at the correspondence (or lack of) between him and the other major powers. Namely Russia, Austria, Italy, Germany, and France.

TURKEY to RUSSIA- Where are you?

TURKEY to the WORLD- Where are you?

Zines of Interest

BORN TO DIP is produced by Brad Wilson, 302 Friendship Drive, Paoli, Pa 19301. Brad and I became acquainted in Dick Martin's Black Press game. He calls me "Lying Jackal, Child Molester Kaiser Al;" I affectionately refer to Brad as, simply, "Sultan Bozo." BTB seems to have gotten off to a very good start, and I plan to subscribe. In fact, if I was ready for another game, it would be in BTB. Brad has several game openings (no fee if you are a subscriber), a sub fees are \$5.00 for 10 issues.

APPALLING GREED, by Mark Larzelere, 522 W. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843, is an extremely well written zine. Issue 2 (the one I got) was exceptionally interesting with an extensive report on "Elves from Outer Space" By Erick V.D., a two-page film review of "Knut Rockne AllAmerican," and a good discussion of Germany opening A Ber-Sil. Mark plans to have a maximum of 50 subbers to keep his ditto reproduction quality high (which it is). Of course he's a Republican, which causes him to use that traditional ditto purple. Subs are \$3 for 10 issues, and game fees are \$3 and a preference list.

Not a zine but well worth a mention is Supernova, the Novice Packet from Bruce Lindsey, Bldg 11, Apt 21, Leisureville, Watervliet, NY 12189. Thirty-five pages in length, digest form like Diplomacy Digest, this booklet is a must for those new to Dip and good to have even if you have been around the hobby a while. Some of the best writers in the hobby contributed to its creation. Send Bruce 75¢, and he'll get the packet, so you probably, or claim to be a novice and it's your first dip. (I'm a novice in the hobby, but I have been around for a while.)

## DIPLOMACY DOCTOR by Dr. Ben Cagey, MD

Dear Cagey,

My sweet adorable 10 yearold who always stabs Norm Schwartz is considering PWM dips only problem is Norm says, "Phyllis is too much for me, keep her in the playground and out of Dip." Should she join dip and stab Norm some more or forget it and swing some more? Phyllis' Mother

Dear Phyllis' Mother,

There are several considerations to your question. What will Phyllis obtain from more playground time: (1) meet plenty of drug dealers, (2) meet plenty of perverts with bags of candy, (3) see gang violence and murder, and (4) learn lots of bad language. What will she get from playing PWM Dip (with or without Norm): the same four things, but it will improve her writing abilities. But I would suggest you not let her (at age 10) play in games with Norm Schwartz; you don't deal with an unprovoked-murder, do you?

Dear Doc,

I understand that Mark Berch has given you pointers on how to operate. In fact, I understand he gave you a scalpel to plug a minor scratch. How true is this statement, and could you tell us why you decided to take Mark Berch's pointers, in the back?

Patient

Dear Patient,

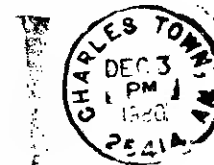
You have exceptionally bad sources or a personal death wish if you believe anyone would take Berch's Medical Advice on anything. Mark is the only person I know that, in response to a slight cut on the forehead, suggests a tourniquet around the neck.

A special note to you readers about Al's hospitalization. Al went into the hospital (the only one in the county) on Nov 20, had minor back surgery (for a cyst at the base of the spine) on Nov 21, and went home on Dec 2. It is true that the basic incision was performed by Kathy Byrne. Al had the best of care...the hospital had just received a new shipment of beads, feathers, and rattles so necessary to modern medicine.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Game start p.3.

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